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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jeanne Voveris, Esq.
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One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Double Utility Poles Report, D.T.E. 03-87

Dear Ms. Voveris:

I am writing on behalf of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Verizon Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (together, the "Companies"). On July 20, 2005, William Stevens, Hearing Officer for the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") in this proceeding, issued a memorandum to the Companies relating to certain additional information sought by the Department in connection with the Companies' semi-annual double pole reports. Primarily, the type of information sought by the Department was shown by Hearing Officer Stevens on Attachment A of his June 16, 2005, Procedural Ruling in this proceeding.

As required by Hearing Officer Stevens in his July 20 memorandum, the Companies, on July 26, provided the Department with an update on their efforts. In their July 26, update the Companies committed to submitting a further update on August 2. This letter is the August 2, 2005 update.¹

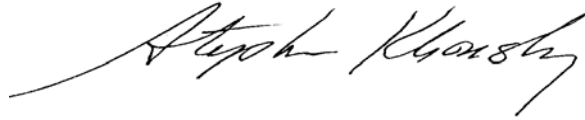
The Companies are pleased to report that they have been meeting intensively during the past week both internally and with Inquest, the operator of the PLM double pole data base, in order to ascertain how to provide the Department with the data it seeks and how to provide it in as short a time frame as possible. Informed by the Technical Session the Companies held with the Department on July 19, and by their discussions with Inquest, the Companies believe they are nearing agreement on an alternative proposal to the June 16, 2005 Attachment A. The Companies expect to be in a position to file their proposed Attachment A with the Department and otherwise set out how they will comply with the June 16 Procedural Ruling no later than Wednesday, August 10. It is anticipated that this filing will include a joint motion to modify the June 16 Procedural Ruling, and a schedule indicating how long it will take the Companies, through Inquest, to provide the requested information in their semi-annual reports.

¹ The Companies understand that Hearing Officer Stevens is on vacation and that you are handling this matter in his absence.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or any other of the representatives of the Companies. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Klionsky", written over a horizontal line. A vertical red line is positioned to the right of the signature.

Stephen Klionsky

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